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WORLD

BOSNIA: U. N. officials say tht Bosnian Serbs removed enough big guns from around Sarajevo to avert airstrikes.

Mexico: Seized documents indicate Mexico rebels have a socialist agenda.

NATION

Washington: The drug AZT dramatically reduces transmission of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, from infected mothers to their newborns, government health officials say.

STATE

Dallas: Top narcotics prosecutor says drug traffickers want to use the city as a national distribution hub and money-laundering center.

Austin: U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison says her last eight months of legal wrangling was a nightmare.

CAMPUS

Scholarship signup to end March 1

Tuesday is the deadline to apply for scholarships for 1994-95, Candice Garner, assistant director of student financial aid and scholarships, said. Students should fill out one general application for all scholarships.

Specific criteria such as hometown and academic area of study are then analyzed to determine what scholarships are available to that student, Garner said.

Students who want to apply for scholarships should come to the Financial Aid office in the White Administration Building and pick up an application. For more information they can make an appointment, Garner said.

'Pacific' box office opens

by Art Exum
staff writer

Speech, theater and music students will combine their efforts in the production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" which opens at 7:30 p.m. March 3 and runs through March 5.

Tickets are now on sale for \$3 at the Wise Cultural Arts box office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All seating is first come, first served. Tickets can be reserved by calling the box office, 903-510-2212.

Speech Instructor Clarence Strickland will direct "South Pacific." Set on a U.S. occupied island during World War II, the musical tells two love stories. One involves a young American nurse played by Amy Portwood and a much older French planter played

"This years musical is an especially enjoyable one. It's one the entire family can enjoy," Crawford said.

by Thomas Allen. The other is between a native girl played by Laura Perez and a Navy lieutenant played by Wesley Johnstone. The story is filled with suspense, humor, romance and famous war-time songs.

"The spring musical always allows us the chance to showcase the depth of talent we have in the speech and theater and music programs," Dr. David Crawford, director of speech and theater, said. "This year's musical is an especially enjoyable one. It's one the entire family can enjoy."



Photo by Art Exum

NOTHIN' LIKE A DAME—The guys in the "South Pacific" cast rehearse for the musical which opens for a weekend run at 7:30 p.m. March 3 in Wise Auditorium They are (back) : Sophomores Scott Milligan and Timmy McConico and Freshman Chad Hill; (front) Sophomores Chris Rocha and Michael Rains.



Photo by Jaymie Poeschl

DROP YOUR PANTS—Teronza Martin form Arp practices giving injections at Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics™ for young women interested in careers in science and math. See related story on page 5.

Faculty gain 2 lots full-time

by Karen Storie
staff writer

Parking has changed—again. Although most faculty and staff lots are open to students after 5 p.m., two lots are now reserved for faculty 24 hours a day.

The faculty lot in front of Potter Hall and parts of the faculty lot under Pirtle Technology Center are reserved for faculty and staff 24 hours a day.

The first two rows nearest Pirtle are 24-hour faculty parking. The rest of the lot has designated student parking after 5 p.m.

Except for these lots, students may park in any lot after 5 p.m., Campus Safety Director Gene Carney said. All vehicles parked

any time, day or night, must have a valid parking permit.

This rule applies to visitors as well as students, faculty and staff. Visitors are to park in designated visitor lots. If visitors get parking tickets, Carney said, they may contact the safety office to appeal.

Students who park in faculty lots are subject to having their vehicles towed away, Carney said.

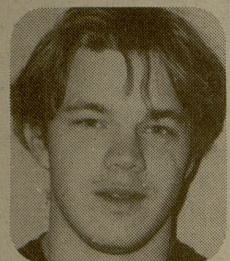
Temporary parking permits and appeal forms are available in the Campus Safety Office during regular school hours. Appeals must be filed within 10 days of receiving a ticket or the notice is assumed valid.

Campus Focus

Do the clothes people wear affect their attitude?



"It's different for different people. Some wear something because it's comfortable. Others wear it to project an image."
Sophomore Gina Gilbert



"Absolutely not. What you wear simply expresses your ideas, not your behavior."
Sophomore Derek Rowan



"It would. If someone wore a shirt, and someone else came through and wore an opposing shirt, tempers could flare."
Freshman Kan Mills



"A person in church clothing won't act the same as a person in T-shirt and jeans."
Freshman Ketrese King

African-American history needs to be taught

History books are good about recording white history and including history of slavery, but history books leave out many interesting facts. African-Americans have played parts in important history events but received no credit at all. They have overcome great tribulations throughout history and been part of great accomplishments. It is time they are given the credit they deserve. To include them in the history books may also help to raise self-esteem among African-American students.

February is African-American History Month. Some people are old enough to remember some historical events involving African-Americans, but most college age people do not know a whole lot about African-American history unless they research it on their own. Some historical landmarks made by African-Americans, according to the Feb. 4 Dallas Morning News, are:

- The real father of medicine is identified by scholars of African history as Imhotep, an ancient Egyptian from whom the Greeks and Romans inherited their medical knowledge. He lived about 2,000 B. C. and preceded the more recognized father of medicine by some 2,000 years. Ancient depictions show Imhotep as black-skinned with African features.

- The warrior king Shaka ruled a powerful Zulu tribe in the mid-1800s and was known for his skills in training tribesmen in combat techniques and weaponry design. His life story became a television miniseries.

- The Rock of Gibraltar got its name from the Spanish Moor Tarik-bin-Ziad. The black ex-slave later commanded the Moorish army that invaded Spain and captured the Rock in 711 A.D. Gibraltar is the corrupt pronunciation of Gebal-Tarik, "The Mountain of Tarik."

- George Washington's life was saved by Phoebe Fraunces, the daughter of Sam Fraunces, a West Indian black who owned a tavern in New York City where Gen. Washington and his officers stopped to eat. Scholars report that the British tried to poison the general in 1776 to prevent the revolution. Fraunces warned the general and threw his dish of poisoned peas out into the yard. Chickens that ate the peas died.

- About 150 African-American regiments were in the Union Army. These included combat infantry, cavalry and heavy and light artillery units. The 54th Regiment that attacked Fort Wagner in South Carolina in 1863 was the subject of the film "Glory."

- William Whipper, 1805-1885, preceded Henry Thoreau, Mahatma Gandhi

and Martin Luther King Jr. as an advocate of non-violent social protest in the fight to abolish slavery and segregation.

- The rodeo sport called "bulldogging" was originated by an African-American rodeo performer, Bill Pickett. Pickett imitated methods he once saw a bulldog use to corner a steer. A statue honoring Pickett stands in the Fort Worth Stockyards.

- In colonial America Benjamin Bannaker was noted as a mathematician, scientist, inventor, astronomer and surveyor. He helped lay out the street plans for Washington, D.C., and helped build the first clock made in America. He also predicted the 1789 solar eclipse and published an annual almanac that was widely used by farmers.

These people impacted U.S. history greatly, but they are not commonly known. We know who discovered America and who the founding fathers are, but, sadly, it takes a great deal of research to find out about African-American history. It is not only African-American culture, but it is all Americans' history. These and other contributions make us all related, not by blood but by service in the common cause of building our democracy. We should be teaching all our history to all our students.



LOOK INTO MY EYES

by
Troy Alexander

Beginning of life impossible to find

"Nothing ever begins." So begins some lengthy novel by some popular modern author, and that was as far as I got into the book. To me, this one statement sums up not only this particular novel, but all literature on time, space and eternity.

I think that three-word sentence described a family tree. No matter how far back people are able to trace their heritage, the family always goes back further. When you think you have found your family's beginning, you must explain this beginning by finding its beginning.

The same is true with all life. Where did time begin? Long ago, to answer this question, man created God. It seemed a simple solution, an omnipotent being who made everything. Then scientists

came along and began finding physical properties and laws to try to answer those same fundamental questions. They created long formulas and calculations and came up with a preposterous theory called the Big Bang.

Both sides argue today over who is correct, and both seem to have relevant proof for their arguments. But both sides have one major flaw.

Big Bang believers cannot seem to explain what created the large, fiery ball that exploded and created the universe. And if it was formed by gases floating around in space, then what created the gases? What created space, for that matter?

And if everything was made by some old guy, floating around, pointing his finger and saying, "Let

there be this and let there be that," then what created him?

"He has always been there," some conformists answer. I don't think so. At least the Greeks saw this question coming and prepared by saying that gods were created by titans and titans were created by the good and evil of the universe. But where did the good and evil come from?

Nothing ever begins.

I lean more towards the scientists' side, though I'm not sure they are anywhere near the answers they are looking for, nor will they ever be.

I believe in only what I can see, hear and touch. I think there is a more complex solution to life than just, "because God created it."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Diploma sign-up nears

Tuesday is the deadline for filing for spring 1994 graduation. Students can apply for graduation in the registrar's office and pay the \$15 fee, Registrar Bill Wilmeth said.

This fee covers the cost of the diploma and cover and the cap and gown. Graduates are not required to participate in the ceremony, but they must pay the fee to receive a TJC diploma.

Graduation ceremony will be Saturday, May 14, at Wagstaff Gym, Denny Yarbrough, secretary to the registrar, said.

Program seeks workers

The Student Conservation Association has 1,000 positions in the 12-week resource assistant program open for men and women over 18. The expense-paid internships include job training, housing, living and travel expenses and possible academic credit.

Application deadline is: March 1 for positions beginning May to July. June 1 is the deadline for jobs starting in August and September. To apply write to P.O. Box 550 Charlestown, NH 03603 or call (603) 543-1700, fax (603) 543-1828.

The positions are in national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and other conservation areas. Through conservation and management of natural resource areas, workers can see Alaska, the Florida Keys, deserts, forests and mountains.

PALS to select students

Peer Advisor Leadership Staff will begin accepting student applications March 1, Supervisor Cathryn Cates said. Application deadline is March 18.

The PAL staff is a group of 30-40 students chosen from applications and interviews to help faculty and staff in summer freshman orientation. "This is an opportunity for students to work with faculty and staff to acquaint freshmen with the campus and services of TJC," Cates said.

Applications will be available at G-214 from Cates or in the counseling office from Dr. L.A. Barnes. Interviews will begin in mid-April, Cates said.

PALS assist in testing, student activities and registration. "This is a very unusual opportunity for students to work in these areas," Cates said.

MLK III to speak at UT

Martin Luther King II will speak at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at The University of Tyler at Texas. His talk in University Center will be open to those who have tickets, Students Activities Director, Blair Black Burn said.

King's talk is the final event in a multi-cultural day. Speakers and ethnic activities will be going on Friday, starting with complimentary breakfast.

TJCTA to honor Bullock

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock will be recognized at the Texas Junior College Teachers Association annual convention in San Antonio tomorrow as Outstanding Legislator of the Year.

Bullock was honored for his support of community college education and his assistance in the last legislative session, TJCTA President Brian Dille said.

TJCTA members take special pride in claiming Bullock as an alumnus of one of their colleges, Dille said.

A graduate of Hill College in Hillsboro, Bullock earned a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech University and a law degree at Baylor University. Bullock has served in the Texas House of Representatives. He has been assistant attorney general, general counsel to the governor, secretary of state and comptroller of public accounts. Since 1991 Bullock has served Texas as lieutenant governor.

Care can increase videocassette life

Just as you have gotten comfortable with some popcorn, a drink and an old favorite from your videotape collection, your VCR gets hungry and eats the tape. Now, in panic to rescue your cassette from certain destruction, you leap from your chair, spilling your feast, only to find the damage is permanent. If you use a VCR and this has not yet happened to you, it will, someday.

This and other videocassette problems can be prevented, according to TDK Electronics Corp.

Ideally, videotape should be stored between 60-75 degrees Fahrenheit and 40 to 50 percent relative humidity. Major changes in temperature and humidity not only cause physical and chemical changes, but can create condensation on the tape surface leaving "water spots" that can damage both your tape and VCR. When you transport a tape, it's best to allow it at least two hours to "climatize" before playing, TDK advises.

Before using your video or audio cassette take out the slack by rotating the reel hubs backwards until the tape is taut. This is more important with videotapes, because slack tape is what causes your VCR to eat your tape.

Exercise your cassette at least once annually. One full fast-forward and rewind cycle will relieve any strains which may have occurred in storage.

When recording, always use the standard play mode for maximum reproduction quality. This helps prevent tracking errors and ensures the best compatibility with other VCRs.

Dub your original recording to another cassette and use the copy for frequent use. Store the original in a safe place.

Store tapes vertically, like books, with the full reel of tape on the bottom. This way they are less susceptible to damage.

Always remove the cassette from the VCR when you are not using it. Inside the VCR, the tape is wrapped around several guide rollers and pins which can cause creases in these places. These creases can permanently affect the quality of playback and may cause breakage.

Electric Services Coordinator Wayne Cobb agreed with all of these ideas, but said he found no need for exercising the tape.

Mentors to get training

by Heather Mcleod
Staff Writer

Since 1991 the TJC mentor program has identified and trained up to 75 people, Interim Director Kathleen Pierce said.

Mentors are students, teachers and staff on whom students naturally depend for guidance. These people are identified through student surveys submitted each fall.

"We ask the identified mentors wanting involvement to attain six hours each semester in training," Coordinator Lori Stimpson said. "This only enhances what they do already so that they might be better able to help someone in need."

Mentors and any others interested may attend the three training sessions in the lounge area in front of Health Services next month. These are: March 9, substance abuse training; March 16, counseling for the non-professional; March 23, drug abuse in Smith County. All begin at 2 p.m.

The mentor program began here when Texas Christian University got a grant to share the program they had originated. TJC representatives went to TCU to learn more and conducted the first mentor survey in 1991.

"The goal of the mentor program is to enhance the entire campus community," Pierce said.

As the number of social issues affecting college students rises, campuses have greater need for awareness.

"The mentor program is purposely a low-key program," Pierce said. "They (mentors) are the ones they go to anyway. It just adds a little meat into the system."

"A mentor is there to help someone meet their fullest potential," Counselor Mary Beal said. "Usually when students ask advice, they already know what they want to hear, but the person you can mentor best is the person who comes to you not knowing what they want."

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Touchstone to display talents

by Jason Slenk
staff writer

The talents of TJC students will be displayed in the TJC Touchstone April 28. Touchstone is the campus literary magazine published each spring. It is composed of writing, art and photos by students, staff and faculty. Students then edit the contributions and design the magazine.

A content staff of student volunteers judged the 172 entries of art, photography and literature. Of the entries, 123 were literature, 34 were photographs and 15 were works of art.

The number of entries was larger than ever and shows the student support the Touchstone continues to receive through the

years, Touchstone Co-editor Derek Rowan said.

"It's a chance for any student or faculty to represent their school through their talents," Rowan said. "I'd like to thank the sponsors and teachers who have let me speak to their classes and helped me bring this thing together."

Students who worked on the Touchstone will get the first copies of the finished magazine at Humanities Honors Day reception in April.

Rowan expects the magazine to be a great success.

"It's going to be a good year. There is a lot of art and photography," he said.

Co-editor with Rowan is

Silvana Vierkant.

Touchstone contents staff includes: Troy Alexander, Stacey Bozeman, Christy Bell, Katherine Brown, Tamara Dodson, Art Exum, Stacy Fitzgerald, Betty Helt, Heather McLeod, Tracie Oxman, Amy Routh, Deborah Stiles, Ryan Tucker, Erica Van and Paul Vaughn.

The editorial staff includes: Alexander, Lisa Caldwell, Nikki Coyle, Holly Ellis, Fitzgerald, Jennifer Garrett, Betty Helt, Diane Hoffman, Ambre Howard, Gary Nunn, Oxman, Jeff Palmer, Shannan Rayl, Stiles, Tucker and Rachel Washburn. They are working in Communications 1311-Publications to design and layout the magazine.

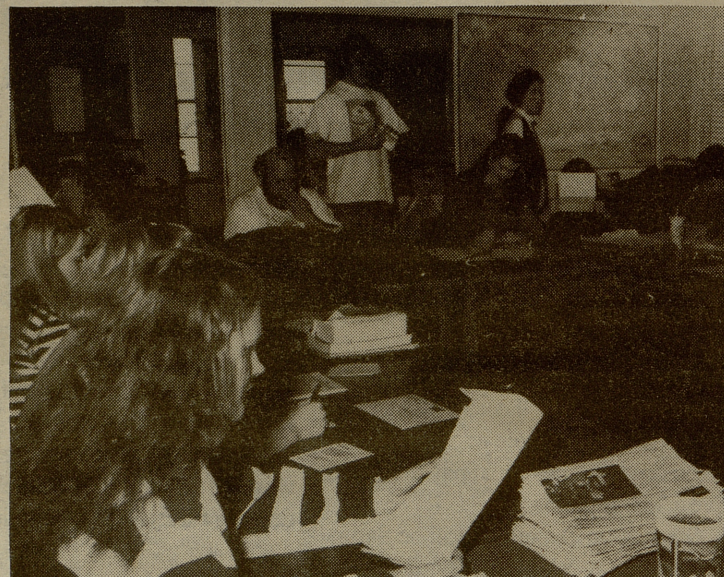


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LISTEN UP—Touchstone Co-editor Derek Rowan speaks to the Publications 1311 class. Ambre Howard, Jeff Palmer, Tracie Oxman and Silvana Vierkant are working on the magazine layout.



Photo by Candice Reimer

SERIOUS BUSINESS—Co-editor Silvana Vierkant discusses the Touchstone with Jeff Palmer, while Tracie Oxman and Holly Ellis review literary contents. Students in COMM 1131

are designing the magazine which will be distributed at the Honors Day reception April 28 and in campus News boxes after that date.

PTK adopts nursing home

Phi Theta Kappa will Adopt-a-Nursing-Home this spring. Honor society members will visit nursing home residents in the Tyler area and distribute food and gifts to the residents, sponsor Judy Turman said.

This program is part of the Texas oral history project. As they visit nursing home residents PTK members record oral histories for the Texas State Archives in Austin, PTK President Tracy Farris said.

Members are also working in concession stands at TJC basketball games. Their earnings will allow PTK representatives to attend the Texas-New Mexico regional convention March 10-12 in Arlington and the international convention April 7-10 in Anaheim, Calif., Turman said.

PTK has nominated Heidi Williams and Tracy Farris for the Academic All-American team.

"We are trying to maintain a five-star rating as a PTK chapter," Turman said. "Only about 10 percent of the nearly 2,000 chapters in the nation attain a five-star rating."

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The Annual Walk a Mile for a Special Child will start at 10 a.m. March 5 in Bergfeld Park, Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Foster said. Volunteers are needed to help organize the Walk and to participate. "I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in the Walk," Foster said.

TJC and UT Tyler students are sponsoring a dance from 7 p.m. till midnight March 2 to kick off the Walk. Admission costs \$1 with student ID. Anyone interested in helping with the dance or the Walk should contact Foster at 510-2278.

Parents Anonymous needs volunteers help in the office and to participate in direct delivery services with

children. For more information contact Linda Richey at 534-4844.

The Food Bank needs volunteers to help get food ready from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone who would like to help can contact Barbara Anderson at 597-3663.

The Salvation Army needs help on Wednesday mornings preparing for lunch. For more information contact Ida Luna at 592-4361.

Meal on Wheels needs people to pick up meals between 10:30 and 11 a.m. on Fridays and deliver them. If interested contact Pat O'Brien at 593-7385.

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Glass ceiling—invisible barrier

Women, minorities need to break through obstacles to top jobs

by Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Many women and minority college students work hard to achieve success after college but they may face yet another obstacle—a glass ceiling.

The American workforce is in the midst of a revolution, Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said.

"It is becoming more diverse with each passing day and is experiencing a slower expansion than at any point since World War II," Martin said.

In 1991 Martin released a report on the Glass Ceiling Initiative. This report culminated a year-long pilot project to identify and begin to dismantle attitudinal and organizational barriers in the workplace. These barriers have systematically restricted the advancement of qualified women and minorities in their chosen careers, Martin said.

According to the report, the glass ceiling is most clearly defined as artificial barriers based on attitudinal or organizational bias that prevent qualified individuals from advancing upward in their organization into management level positions.

"The glass ceiling, where it exists, hinders not only individuals but society as a whole," Martin said. "It effectively cuts our pool of potential corporate leaders by eliminating over one-half of our population."

The glass ceiling first acknowledged in 1987, has been cracked according to the most recent study.

The report cited these barriers to career advancement:

- Recruiting practices at entry-level corporate hiring are generally well-documented, but consistent recruitment and tracking practices generally did not exist above a certain level. A commitment to

'The glass ceiling ... hinders not only individuals but society as a whole,' Martin said.

make good faith efforts to attract a broad, diverse pool of talent from which to hire was not apparent.

- Lack of opportunity to contribute and participate in corporate development experience. Elaborate corporate systems of early identification, career development, needs assessments and succession planning were not monitored to ensure access for qualified minorities and women.

- General lack of corporate ownership of equal opportunity principles when departmental staff discuss diversity and a commitment to take appropriate good faith measures managers often said that such responsibilities were someone else's. They belong to human resources division or the EEO director, but not to them.

According to The American Association of University Women 1992, educational foundation report, "How Schools Shortchange Girls," a diverse workforce may not be attainable due to the small number of minorities and women with the necessary educational attainments such as degrees in math and sciences. The report emphasizes that girls who are highly competent in math and science are much less likely to pursue scientific or technological careers than their classmates. An increase of 9 percent in the number of African-Americans receiving such degrees and an even greater increase in the number of Native American Indians at 13.2 percent, Hispanics at 19.6 percent and Asians at 30.6 percent is evident, according to a 1992

report by the Engineering Manpower Commission.

Programs are trying to attract young women to pursue careers in math in science where they are now a minority. "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics,"™ a career conference for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade young women at TJC Feb. 10 is such a program.

TJC now holds the conference annually and the attendance is growing since the first year in 1992, when the conference was cancelled because lack of interest. This year 200 girls had to be turned away because there was not enough room, Dixie McCormick, public services assistant director, said.

The key to successful breaking the glass ceiling, according to the U.S. Department of Labor report, is to identify women

and minorities with high potential and track their progress. Several companies have made their human resources departments responsible for tracking high potential minorities and women, and reporting their status directly to the chief executive officer. By "empowering" the human resource department, organizational bias within operating units is checked.

The report says progress in cracking the glass ceiling will be slow especially true for companies that hire a large proportion of professionals requiring technical and scientific degrees.

If more young women become aware of barriers they face and are encouraged to do anything they want in career conferences such as "Expanding Your Horizons,"™ the next generation of college women will be more prepared than the last.



Photos by Jaymie Poeschl

NO ROOM FOR THE SQUEMISH—Dr. Mary Nash shows girls a boa constrictor from Caldwell Zoo at the "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics" conference.

Career conference attracts 470 young women

Some 470 sixth, seventh and eighth grade young women interested in science and mathematics came to "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics" on campus last week.

The event was a success for the second year in a row, Dixie McCormick, public services assistant director, said. Another 200 were turned away because the vacancies were filled up. Fifty-one adults also registered for the 34 career workshops that ranged from accounting to criminalology.

The workshops gives young women a chance to meet women who use science and math in their careers and see for themselves some of the things these women do on the job, McCormick said.

Hands on workshops such as "Where did the frog go in my pocket" by Education

Curator Dr. Mary Nash and Zoo Keeper Connie Deiringer showed the students how a zoo helps protect endangered species. Another workshop gave those interested in nursing a hands on lesson in giving injections.

Teronza Martin from Arp found out about the workshop from her science teacher and decided to come because she wants to be in nursing when she grows up.

American Association of University Women, TJC and The Math and Science Network presented the conference.

Funding came from: Caldwell Schools, Inc. KLTV Channel 7 and TCI Cablevision, Carl D. Perkins vocational applied and technology funds, The Trane Company, TJC Foundation and other contributors.



Photos by Jaymie Poeschl

NEEDLEWORK—Dr. Carolyn Harvey works with some of the 470 middle school girls who came to the math-science conference on campus last week.

Students lose when low enrollment cancels sections

by Lisa Henderson
staff writer

When their courses are cancelled because of low enrollment, there is not much students can do. Most students have had problems with their schedule not being what they wanted it to be when they registered. More than 10 percent of classes were dropped due to insufficient enrollment this semester.

Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said the state has requirements about the least minimum enrollment a class can have. Registrar Bill Wilmeth said 380 sections of the 2900 offered were closed this semester due to these requirements. That figures 10.6 percentage of the sections offered were closed. These closings still affected many students and caused a number of problems.

Students have few options as when a course they need is

"That figures 10.6 percent of the sections offered were closed," Registrar Bill Wilmeth said.

closed. For example, some students are required to take either two semesters of a foreign language or two semesters of a sci-

ence. If a student has taken one semester of French, for example, and the second semester does not make, Dean Lewis said that student can take a semester of science but it may not transfer to another college. Some universities require one year of the same

course but TJC does not.

Most instructors will find other options for students but is a big headache for those who do not get to take what they originally wanted to. The best thing is to sign up for courses early and hope they do not get abolished.

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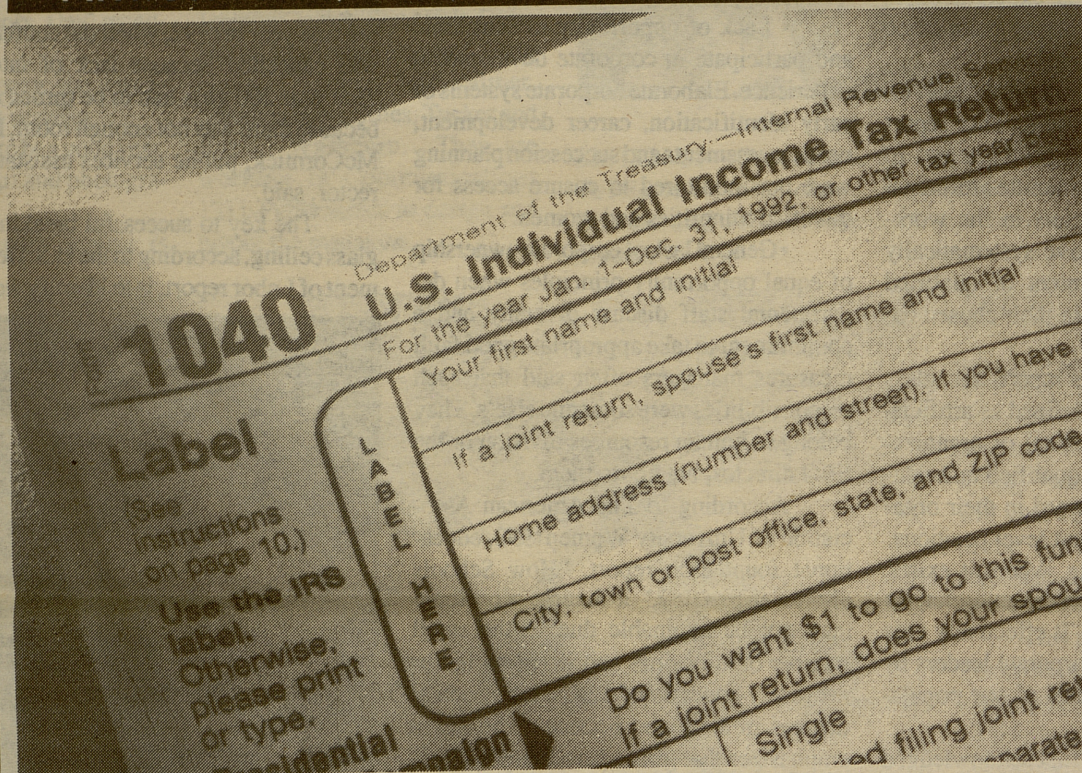
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Though I'm not religious, I believe in religion. I can't imagine what the world would be like if religion did not exist. The moral values that religion instills in people are extremely important to today's world. If we are to win back our earth from the crime and poverty and violence that are pulling it apart, religion will have to play a huge role. But first, we have to stop these senseless religious wars, whether physical or verbal, taking place in both America and abroad, all claiming God is on their side.

I also believe the state should pay for religious schools. Children are being taught, and that's what it's all about. But I don't think there should be a set time to pray in school. If a group wants to pray, they could meet before or after school, on their own time.

I have probably as strong a love for human life as the most religious person. I respect all, religious or no, black or white, man or woman. And if you disagree with my views, as I'm sure one or two of you do, well, that's why this newspaper accepts letters to the editor. Drop me a line about any issue, and maybe I'll address it.

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Peers honor Barnes with awards for commitment, service

by Kristie Carter
staff writer

Counselor Dr. Alan Barnes has received three Distinguished Service Awards in the past three years from the Texas Counseling Association. The awards recognize his commitment and service to the statewide enhancement of counseling and guidance.

Barnes has been, since 1987, a member of the Texas Counseling Association, a state-wide association of about 8,000 counselors and other mental health professionals.

"The Association represents the interests of counselors and I feel that all counselors are better professionals because of the organization," Barnes said.

One award honored Barnes for his work on the Senate, which is the law-making body of the Association. He served two terms as senator of the Piney Woods Counseling Association, which is the East Texas TCA branch.

"I know what a wonderful group of people this is, and for them to say 'thank you' to me is a very high honor," Barnes said.

Of another award for his work on the Publications Committee, Barnes said, "It is a delight to be recognized by my peers as a person who is an exemplary counselor."

But it is the award for work on the Human Rights Committee. he is 'most proud' of.

"The Committee caused some changes in the Association's point of view, which advanced individuals' rights," Barnes said.

The Association became a more inclusive organization and decided to take a stand and oppose anything that denies any individual's rights.

"I am very excited and humbled by the awards I have received," Barnes said.

"I've heard it said that to love what you do and feel that it matters, what could be more fun?" Counselor Mary Beal said, "That statement sums up Dr. Barnes' philosophy of education because he loves students and young people, and he feels that counseling can make a difference."

Barnes was recently selected TCA state treasurer.

Officials raise TASP scores

Saturday another group of college students will take the Texas Academic Skills Program test. This test provides information about the reading, mathematics and writing skills of students entering Texas public colleges and universities, Admissions Dean Kenneth Lewis said.

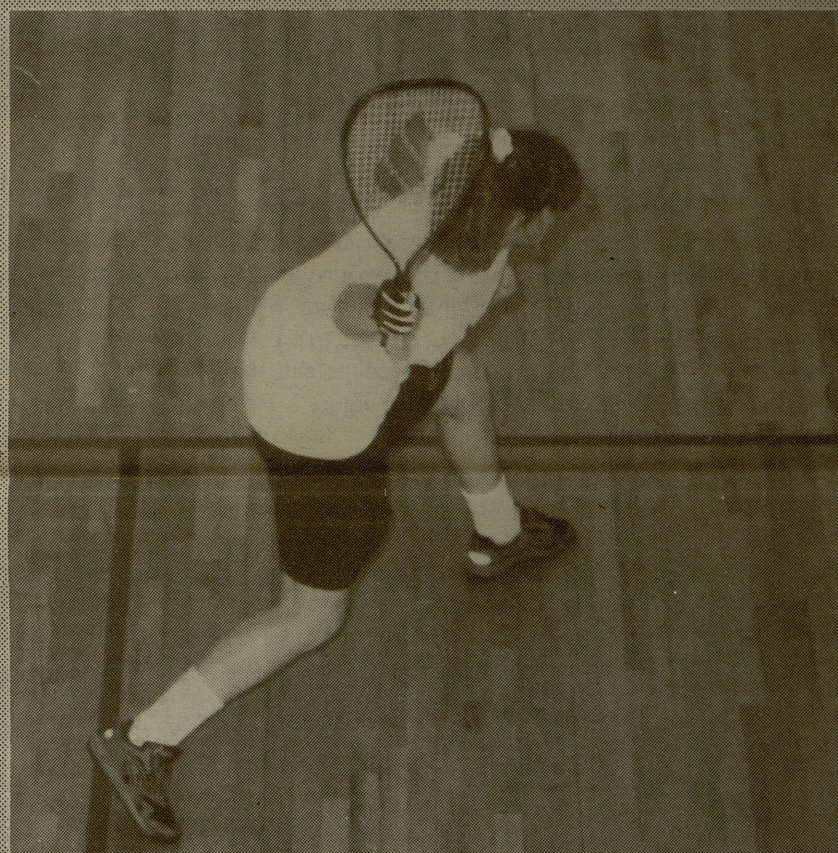
The TASP test is not required to enroll in college, but it must be taken before the student completes nine semester hours.

TASP scores were raised recently. A score of 220 is still considered passing, but remedial courses are required unless a student scores 230 or higher. A score of 270 on the math portion is required to be eligible for college algebra.

Upcoming test dates are: April 23, June 18 and July 23. Registration costs \$26.

TASP applications can be picked up in the counseling center, admissions and registrar's offices on campus.

HIT IT GIRL: Julie Neal holds the No. 3 seed in singles for the finals after playing the University of North Texas for the Southern Regional Qualifier Tournament. TJC was the only junior college to compete.



7 intramural meets offer competition at every level

Intramural sports offer competition at high, medium and low levels, Intramural Director Andrea Shelton said. Of the 300 involved in intramurals, most are men.

"Advanced levels will not have to compete against the lower levels," Shelton said. "I encourage everyone to come be involved."

Seven meets are planned for March and April: swimming, wallyball, golf, tennis, racquetball, horseshoes and washers.

Entries for the swim meet close tomorrow. Managers meet March 1 and play begins March 3 at the HPE pool area.

Entries for wallyball close Feb. 28. Managers meet March 2 and playing begins March 7 at the HPE courts.

Golf doubles/scramble and singles en-

tries open March 1-6. The managers meet at sign-up and playing begins March 6-24.

Tennis entries are due March 14-17. The managers' meeting is March 17. Playing begins March 17 at the TJC tennis courts.

Entries for racquetball singles and cut-throat are March 17-April 4. Managers meet April 4 and play begins April 4-8 at the HPE racquetball courts.

Entries for intramural horseshoes will be accepted April 4-14. Managers meet April 18 and playing begins April 18 outside the HPE Center.

Washer entries will be April 4-14. The manager meeting is April 21 and play begins that day outside the HPE Center.

To register, contact the HPE Center at 510-2555.

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TJC wins over Lee College in double header

TJC beat Lee College, 4-0 and 3-1, in a double header Feb 14. The Apaches scored one run batted in by infielder Jason Layne in the first inning. TJC added two runs each in the third and bottom of the sixth. Jason Divin pitched a three-hit shutout.

In game two Brandon Stone

pitched a five-hitter. Lee College scored first. In the fourth inning, Apache catcher Ben Phillips hit a sacrifice fly to bring Layne home and a wild pitch allowed infielder Jeff Pool to score. In the fifth Pool brought in infielder Mark Stratta with a sacrifice.

"We played well against Lee

and our pitching was good," Coach Jon Groth said.

TJC, 5-3 for the season, plays Delgado College in a four-game series Friday and Saturday.

"It will be a good challenge. Theirs is a good ball club and we need to score more runs to win," Groth said.

Apaches shoot down Rangers, 92-89

The Apache Men's Basketball Team shot down the Kilgore College Rangers, 92-89, before a packed house in Kilgore's Masters Gym Saturday night. The win puts TJC in a tie for first place with Paris Junior College. The Apache Men are 17-7 for the sea-

son and 15-4 in the Texas Eastern Conference.

Kilgore stayed close at halftime with a 37-35 score and came out of the locker room strong. But Apache De Wayne Morris shot for 18 points and freshman post Kareem Poole added 17 points

to pull ahead.

The Apaches were not assured of a win until point guard Terrance Johnson and post Poole hit free throws to increase the lead by five points.

Johnson scored the last basket.

Lady Rangers shutdown Apache Ladies, 83-71

The Kilgore Lady Rangers shutdown the Apache Ladies 83-71 Saturday night at Masters Gym in Kilgore.

Kilgore's 5-7 sophomore point guard Saudia Roundtree scored 29 points and grabbed 15

rebounds to lead the attack.

The Apache Ladies used freshman post Tara Williams to help cut the lead to six. Williams scored 27 points and had five rebounds. Kilgore's Roundtree never let up. Freshman guard An-

gelica Rivers hit a three-pointer with less than 7 minutes to help TJC. Rivers scored 12 points in the game.

This loss drops TJC to 18-9 for the season and 6-5 in the Texas Eastern Conference.



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IT'S OUTTA HERE—Apache baseball is in full swing at Mike Carter Field. Sophomore Mark Stratta, swings into action. They will play a four-game series Friday and Saturday against Delgado College.



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TWO POINTS—Freshman post Tara Williams tosses in another shot. Despite Williams' team leading 27 points and five rebounds, the Apache Ladies lost to Kilgore, 83-71, in Masters Gym last Saturday. The loss dropped the Ladies to 18-9 for the seasons and 6-5 in Texas Eastern Conference. The Ladies play Paris Junior College in Paris Saturday night. In their final regular season game they will meet Panola College in Wagstaff Gym Tuesday.

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